

Council to investigate land exchange with Leongatha RSL

At its meeting this week Council agreed to investigate the viability of a land exchange with the Returned and Services League of Australia (Victorian Branch) Inc and the Leongatha RSL Sub-Branch Inc (Leongatha RSL) to facilitate a new development project.

The Returned and Services League of Australia (Victorian Branch) Inc and the Leongatha RSL initially approached Council with the proposal, which South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Cr Ray Argento said was an exciting prospect.

He said representatives of the Returned and Services League of Australia (Victorian Branch) Inc and the Leongatha RSL recently briefed Councillors and Council's Executive team to discuss their priorities for a new multi-level RSL building complex in Leongatha, highlighting the inadequacies of the current facilities to cater for future growth.

"The RSL wants to enter into the land exchange in order to develop a new multi-level dining and accommodation complex which will address some concerns of the organisation regarding its long-term viability and provide its membership with new and improved facilities," Cr Argento explained.

"Council has now voted to commence investigations into the new project with a view to developing and entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would outline the timeframe and key decisions required should the new project proceed."

The MOU will detail the key particulars of the proposed land exchange arrangement and provide a structure to the investigations by detailing the timeframe for investigations, resources, land valuations, statutory processes, public notice, communication methods and key decisions required prior to parties entering into any negotiations and contract documentation to give effect to a land exchange.

Photo caption: Development site for the RSL Project.

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